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KNOXVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES 2021-2022 SEASON

KNOXVILLE, TN – April 19, 2021 – The **Knoxville Symphony Orchestra** has announced the lineup of its 2021-2022 season, including a variety of classical and pops concerts featuring guest artists like Bernadette Peters, Weiyin Chen, and the Knoxville-based drum ensemble Indigenous Vibes. The KSO's 86th season kicks off in September. **Individual concert tickets go on sale in August 2021.**

Subscriptions are on sale now and can be purchased by visiting the [KSO website](#) or calling the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra box office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at (865) 291-3310. Renewing subscribers can retain their seats by renewing their subscription by June 4, 2021. Subscribers also receive a 20% discount to the KSO Clayton Holiday Concerts.

“Our 21/22 season is all about music we love and people we love.” said **Music Director Aram Demirjian**. “The music was selected, programs crafted, and partnerships forged to emphasize joy, beauty, and a sense of community and togetherness that have been at a remove for so long. I cannot wait to share it with Knoxville.”

MOXLEY CARMICHAEL MASTERWORKS SERIES INCLUDES:

Led by Music Director Aram Demirjian, the Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series consists of eight concerts on Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Theatre. Each concert includes a 30-minute pre-concert chat at 6:30 p.m. with conductor and guest artist, allowing an up-close Q&A session, insights and background to the music. Subscriptions are on sale now starting at \$102.

THE FOUR SEASONS September 23-24, 2021

Aram Demirjian, conductor
Rhea Carmon & The Fifth Woman, spoken word artists

Program includes:
VALERIE COLEMAN Umoja
ANTONIO VIVALDI The Four Seasons
EDWARD ELGAR Enigma Variations

SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE

October 21-22, 2021

Aram Demirjian, conductor

Paul Huang, violin

Program includes:

CLARICE ASSAD *Sin fronteras (Without Borders)*

MAX BRUCH Violin Concerto No. 1

HECTOR BERLIOZ *Symphonie fantastique*

TCHAIKOVSKY'S "PATHETIQUE"

November 18-19, 2021

James Fellenbaum, conductor

Andrew Staupe, piano

Program includes:

DOSIA MCKAY *Watercolors (World Premiere)*

ALEXANDER SCRIABIN Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 20 in f-sharp minor

PYOTR TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No. 6, "Pathetique"

WILLIAM SHAUB & THE PINES OF ROME

January 20-21, 2022

Aram Demirjian, conductor

William Shaub, violin

Program includes:

MAURICE RAVEL *La Valse*

SAMUEL BARBER Violin Concerto

ELLEN REID *Petrichor*

OTTORINO RESPIGHI *Pines of Rome*

MOZART PIANO CONCERTO No. 25

February 17-18, 2022

Sameer Patel, conductor

Weiyin Chen, piano

Program includes:

JENNIFER HIGDON *blue cathedral*

W.A. MOZART Piano Concerto No. 25

JEAN SIBELIUS Symphony No. 1 in e minor, Op. 39

MICHELLE CANN PLAYS TCHAIKOVSKY
March 17-18, 2022

Aram Demirjian, conductor
Michelle Cann, piano

Program includes:

CARLOS SIMON *The Block*
PYOTR TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Concerto No. 1
JOHANNES BRAHMS Symphony No. 2

THE CYCLE OF LIFE: WORLD PREMIERE
April 21-22, 2022

Aram Demirjian, conductor
Philippe Quint, violin

Program includes:

MICHAEL SCHACHTER Violin Concerto: *Cycle of Life* (KSO commission; World Premiere)
SERGEI RACHMANINOFF Symphony No. 2

BEATS & BOLERO
May 19-20, 2022

Aram Demirjian, conductor
Indigenous Vibes, drum ensemble

Program includes:

JAMES P. JOHNSON Drums: A Symphonic Poem
JAMES DeMARS *SABAR*: Concerto for African Drums & Orchestra
DUKE ELLINGTON *Black, Brown & Beige*
MAURICE RAVEL Bolero

CHAMBER CLASSICS SERIES INCLUDES:

The Chamber Classics Series includes five concerts on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. at the Bijou Theatre, including the sixth annual Classical Christmas concert. Subscriptions are on sale now starting at \$62.50.

TCHAIKOVSKY
October 3, 2021

Aram Demirjian, conductor

Program includes:

JESSIE MONTGOMERY *Strum*
RICHARD STRAUSS *Metamorphosen*
PYOTR TCHAIKOVSKY Chamber Symphony No. 1 (after String Quartet No. 1, "The Accordion")

(arr. Christopher Theofanidis)

CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS
November 28, 2021

James Fellenbaum, conductor
Sean Claire, violin
Andy Bryenton, cello

Classical holiday works as well as the VIVALDI Concerto for Violin and Cello in B-flat Major RV547

MOZART VIOLIN CONCERTO No. 2
January 30, 2022

Aram Demirjian, conductor
Gordon Tsai, violin

Program includes:

WILLIAM GRANT STILL *Darker America*
W.A. MOZART Violin Concerto No. 2
LOUISE FARRENC Symphony No. 3

BACH CONCERTO FOR TWO VIOLINS
February 27, 2022

Aram Demirjian, conductor
I-Pei Lin, violin
Rachel Loseke, violin

Program includes:

IGOR STRAVINSKY Octet
J. S. BACH Concerto for 2 Violins in D major
DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH Chamber Symphony Op. 73a
(arr. Barshai)

BLACKBERRY WINTER
April 3, 2022

Aram Demirjian, conductor

Program includes:

CHARLES IVES Symphony No. 3
CONNI ELLISOR *Blackberry Winter* (Appalachian Dulcimer Concerto)
JOSEPH HAYDN Symphony No. 6, "Morning"

KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL POPS SERIES INCLUDES:

The News Sentinel Pops Series consists of five concerts on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. Subscriptions are on sale now starting at \$110.

*New or renewing subscribers can choose one or two FREE bonus concerts.

“We have a dynamic line-up of Pops concerts for next season,” said **KSO Executive Director Rachel Ford**. “From music of the Beatles to the Eagles and Aretha Franklin; from reappearances by Bugs Bunny and Bernadette Peters, the KSO will shine a spotlight on famous artists, groups and fabulous music. We look forward to having Knoxville audiences join the Symphony for concerts that showcase our talented musicians in concert.”

ARETHA: A TRIBUTE* (bonus concert)
October 8, 2021
Tennessee Theatre

Broadway star Capathia Jenkins joins the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra for a high-energy tribute to the “Queen of Soul.” Savor the solid gold hits of the late Aretha Franklin, including “Respect,” “Natural Woman,” “Chain of Fools,” and “Think.”

BUGS BUNNY AT THE SYMPHONY: 30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION
January 15, 2022
Knoxville Civic Auditorium

Enjoy a sparkling new edition celebrating 30 years since the Broadway debut and 80 years of that “wascally wabbit” himself. Watch timeless scenes from “What’s Opera, Doc?” and “Rabbit of Seville,” plus two new Warner Bros. animated shorts projected above the stage while the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra performs live.

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BERNADETTE PETERS
February 12, 2022
Knoxville Civic Auditorium

With an armful of Tony, Drama Desk and Grammy awards to her credit, Bernadette Peters is Broadway royalty. Don’t miss the chance to hear this living legend perform showstoppers from *Gypsy*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *A Little Night Music*, and more.

Sponsored by Thermal Label Warehouse

REVOLUTION: MUSIC OF THE BEATLES. A SYMPHONIC EXPERIENCE.
March 12, 2022
Knoxville Civic Auditorium

Enjoy 25 of the Beatles’ greatest hits, including “Ticket to Ride,” “Penny Lane,” “Get Back,” and “Hey Jude” as never experienced before! The experience features orchestrations restored from the original Abbey Road recording sessions and performed by six talented singers and the KSO with video and animation from the Beatles’ official fan magazine projected on a big screen.

HOTEL CALIFORNIA: THE MUSIC OF THE EAGLES* (bonus concert)

April 9, 2022

Knoxville Civic Auditorium

Check in to the Hotel California with a faithful tribute to the music of the Eagles. Relive more than 20 classical hits, including “Best of My Love,” “New Kid in Town,” “Peaceful Easy Feeling,” “One of These Nights,” and, of course, “Hotel California.”

ONE SINGULAR SENSATION: A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF MARVIN HAMLISCH

May 14, 2022

Knoxville Civic Auditorium

A trio of Broadway singers, the Webb School of Knoxville Select Ensembles and the KSO conjure the “misty water-colored memories” created by the legendary Marvin Hamlisch. Reminisce to unforgettable songs from “The Way We Were,” “A Chorus Line,” “The Goodbye Girl,” and more.

CLAYTON HOLIDAY CONCERT

December 17-19, 2021

Knoxville Civic Auditorium

Aram Demirjian, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, and special guests take the stage this December with holiday favorites for the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Bring the family to the Civic Auditorium as you sing along to classic carols; and you'd better be good (for goodness sake) because we've been told that Santa Claus is coming to town!

Subscribers can add the Clayton Holiday concert to their package at a 20% discount.

MERCHANT & GOULD CONCERTMASTER & FRIENDS SERIES INCLUDES:

The Merchant & Gould Concertmaster & Friends Series features KSO Concertmaster William Shaub and KSO colleagues for three concerts on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Knoxville Museum of Art. Subscriptions are on sale now starting at \$51.

TOUR OF ITALY

October 6-7, 2021

Program includes:

FRITZ KREISLER	Praeludium & Allegro
FRITZ KREISLER	Liebeslied
NICCOLO PAGANINI	Cantabile
ENNIO MORRICONE	“Theme” from <i>Cinema Paradiso</i>
FELIX MENDELSSOHN	Viola Quintet No. 2 in B flat

THE “TROUT”

January 26-27, 2022

Program includes:

BELA BARTOK	Romanian Folk Dances
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JESSIE MONTGOMERY "Rhapsody" No. 1
BELA BARTOK Selections from "The 44 Duos for Two Violins"
FRANZ SCHUBERT Piano Quintet in A major, "Trout"

CLAIRE DE LUNE
March 30-31, 2022

Program includes:

CARLOS SIMON "Loop" for String Trio
CLAUDE DEBUSSY Claire de Lune
CLAUDE DEBUSSY Violin Sonata
ROBERT SCHUMANN Piano Quintet in E flat major

Q SERIES INCLUDES:

The Q Series features performances by nine talented KSO Musicians in two ensembles: The Principal Quartet and the Woodwind Quintet. The series includes six concerts on Wednesday at 12 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, with lunch provided. Subscriptions are on sale now starting at \$99.

Q Series dates:

September 29, 2021
November 10, 2021
December 8, 2021
January 12, 2022
February 9, 2022
May 4, 2022

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About the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra

Led by Music Director Aram Demirjian, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra consists of 80 professional musicians and performs 300 programs throughout the region each season, reaching audiences of more than 200,000 people. The KSO performs in traditional venues such as the Tennessee Theatre, Bijou Theatre, and Civic Auditorium, as well as non-traditional places like hospitals, schools, city parks, and churches. For more information regarding the KSO, please visit www.knoxvillesymphony.com or call 865-291-3310.